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Applicants : Taka-Aki Sato
U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known (Continuation Application
of PCT/US99/21654, filed 17 September
1999)
Filed : Herewith
For : TREX, A NOVEL GENE OF TRAF-INTERACTING
EXT GENE FAMILY AND DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please delete the first sentence and
insert the following new sentence:

- This application is a continuation of PCT International
Application No. PCT/US99/21654, filed 17 September 1999,
designating the United States of America, which is a
continuation-in-part and claims priority of U.S. Serial No.
09/156,191, filed September 17, 1998, ^{now abandoned} the contents of which
are hereby incorporated by reference into the present
application.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17-19, 23-37, 40-67, 69-89, and 91-97
without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue
the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or
divisional application.

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